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SUBJECT: WEEKLY STATUS REPORT - KOREA

1. YI CHOL-SUNG PLEDGES TO REFORM YUSHIN CONSTITUTION FROM
WITHIN (CONF). OPPOSITION NDP LEADER YI CHOL-SUNG
ANNOUNCED FOLLOWING A TRIP TO TOKYO THAT HE WILL WORK
WITHIN THE YUSHIN CONSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM TO REFORM IT.
AT THE SAME TIME, YI IS TRYING TO DISTANCE HIMSELF FROM
THE ROKG ON ISSUES SUCH AS U.S. TROOP WITHDRAWAL AND THE
PACE OF POLITICAL PRISONER RELEASES.

EMBASSY SEOUL COMMENTS THAT PART OF YI'S PROBLEM IN
DEVELOPING A POSTURE SEPARATE FROM THE ROKG IS THE
TENDENCY OF THE KOREAN PRESS TO NEGLECT HIS
DIFFERENCES WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND EMPHASIZE POINTS OF
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AGREEMENT. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT YI HAS ASSERTED
GREATER CONTROL OVER CHRONIC PARTY FACTIONALISM THAN
DID HIS PREDECESSOR KIM YONG-SAM, AND THAT THIS FALL'S
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WILL BE THE STAGE FOR FURTHER NDP
ATTEMPTS TO BUILD ITS OPPOSITION PARTY IMAGE.

2. NDP DEMANDS INFORMATION ON TONG SUN PARK "SCANDAL"(UNC)

ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THE NDP DRIVE TO CREATE AN IMAGE
SEPARATE FROM THE ROKG SURFACED WITH A PARTY SPOKESMAN'S
STATEMENT TO THE PRESS FOLLOWING TONG SUN PARK'S
AUGUST 25 NEWS CONFERENCE IN SEOUL. NDP REPRESENTATIVE
KO CHAE-CHUNG SAID THAT PARK SHOULD RESPOND TO U.S.
INVESTIGATORS' INQUIRIES IF HE HAS NEVER VIOLATED U.S.
LAW AS HE ALLEGES. KO ALSO CALLED ON THE ROKG TO HELP
CLEAR UP THE SCANDAL AND SAID THAT THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
SHOULD GRILL PARK "TO DETERMINE WHAT HAS MADE HIS
OVERSEAS ACTIVITIES SO CONTROVERSIAL".

3. DAVID BLAKEMORE HAS JOINED EA/K AND HAS ALREADY
FULLY TAKEN OVER ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. DAVID WILL ASSUME THE
POSITION OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR LATE NEXT MONTH UPON THE
DEPARTURE TO GREENER PASTURES OF PHIL MAYHEW. CHRISTOPHER

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